

# **Environmental Protection Authority**

## Public record pursuant to s39(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Proposal Title: Asian Renewable Energy Hub

Proposal Location: Shire of East Pilbara and Shire of Broome

Case Number: CMS 17253

Date referral received: 17 November 2017 Date more information received:

Proponent: NW Interconnected Power Pty Ltd

### **Potential significant effects:**

Clearing of up to 7,280 ha of native vegetation and fauna habitat. Impacts to migratory shorebirds. Impacts to benthic communities and habitat, marine environmental quality and marine fauna within the Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park. Impacts to social surroundings including Aboriginal heritage and amenity values.

### Preliminary key environmental factors:

Benthic Communities and Habitat, Marine Environmental Quality, Marine Fauna, Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna and Social Surroundings.

#### Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:			1
Assess:	a) Referral information		0
	b) Environmental review - no public review		1
	c) Public environmental review		4
		Total submissions:	6

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment:

Public environmental review

### Other details

Proponent-prepared Environmental Scoping Document Public review period for Environmental Review Document (6 weeks)

### **Explanation of decision:**

Several preliminary key environmental factors are complex. Detailed assessment is required to determine the extent of the proposal's direct and indirect impacts, and how the environmental issues could be managed.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.

**Dr Tom Hatton** CHAIRMAN Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date: 13 Dec 2017